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Applicant's response filed 1/8/07, to the Election of Species mailed 11/7/06 is non-responsive. The election of species required applicant to elect either Species I directed to the access expedient being a hole or Species II directed to the access expedient being a notch. Applicant has not made the election of one or the other. Applicant appears to be under a misunderstanding of the Rules. Whether or not there is a generic claim, applicant is still required to make an election of species. Applicant should reread the Office action of 11/7/06.

Since the response appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

It is also noted that the amendment is non-compliant. Only a marked-up copy is to be submitted, and should include the proper status identifiers. Also, claims not elected should have the status identifier "(withdrawn)". The period to file a proper compliant amendment runs concurrently with the above noted TIME PERIOD.

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